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A Full and True Relation
OF A

# Bloody & Dismal Fight

## Betwixt the Protestants.

Commanded by His Grace the
Duke of *Schomberge*, and Major General *Kirk*;

## And the Irish Rebels.

Commanded by the
Duke of *Berwick*, and Collonel *Sarsefield*,
Near LISNEGARVEY in

# IRELAND.

With an Account of
The Seizing of several Ships from *France*, Stor'd with Arms and Ammunition.
The Besieging of *Charlemont*, by D. *Schomberg*.
The miserable state of Protestants in *Dublin*.
The present Condition of the late K. *James*.
The Sickness and sad Mortality of his Soldiers.
With other material Occurrences.

LICENSED, 1689: And Entered according to Order,

*Dear Brother*,

OUR frequent Skirmishes and Fights, that have lattely happened here in *Ireland*, betwixt the Protestants and Papists, I ppose, has created some False and Erro-ous Reports; therefore I have diligently quired into the Truth of them all; and nd the Exact Account to be as followeth. That Collonel *Sarsefield*, with a de-ch'd Party of Five Thousand choice en, out of the *Irish* Army, and joined ith Two Thousand of the *Connaught* rces, came first against *James-Town*; d the Garrison not finding themselves able to engage with so great Numbers, as the *Irish* were, retreated thence to *Sligo*; killing in their Retreat, many of the *Irish*, with the loss of very few of their own Party, though *Sarsefield* pursued them close to the Town; where Collonel *Russel*, with the Horse under his Command, apprehending *Sarsefield's* Party to be too strong for them, retreated to *Ballishannon*, adviling the Foot also to quit the Town: But one Mousieur de St. *Sauveur*, who commanded about Two Hundred Foot, most Granadeers, and Collonel *Loyd*, with the *Inni-killing*

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*killing* Foot, bravely ſtood to it, reſolving to Fight the Enemy; and upon their approaching the Town, the *French* Captain, with his Men, went and took a Paſs, not far from the Town; which he maintained, againſt all *Sarſefield's* Force, till all their Ammunition was ſpent; the Monſieur himſelf, an Excellent Manag'd Man, often Facing in the Head of them; after which, he and his Men Retreated to the Town, with no great loſs, and defended themſelves with their Baggonets in their Muskets, till they took Poſſeſſion of Two the Forts near the Town. The *French* Captain, and his Party, poſſeſſing the Lower *Forth*; and *Loyd*, with the *Inniskilling* Men, went to the Upper *Forth*; from whence *Loyd* that Night, went towards *Inniskilling*, falling on the *Iriſh*, in a Paſs which he was to go over, and killing Two Hundred, not loſing Fifteen himſelf: The *French* in their Retreat, carried Fire and Proviſions into the *Forth*, wherein they found Three Barrels of Powder, with which they defended themſelves bravely for Three Days; and on the Third at Night, the *Iriſh* lying ſecure in the Town, they ſallied from the *Forth*, on the *Iriſh*, killed about Two Hundred, and drove the reſt out of the Town; which Account being brought to Duke *Schomberg*, he diſpatch'd away all the *Inniskilling* Horſe, and Draggoons, with Two Regiments of *Inniskilling* Foot, Two Regiments of *Engliſh* Horſe, and one of Draggoons; ſo that we may very ſuddenly expect a good Account from that Expedition, if they reach *Sarſefield*, before they quit *Sligo*.

There is alſo one arrived here, who left *Dublin* lately, who informs us, that the Late King *James* was returned from his Camp; that the *Iriſh* had loſt at leaſt Fifteen Thouſand of their Army by Diſeaſes; that a very Malignant Feavour did rage in their Camp, and followed them to their Winter-Quarters; that Six Regiments of their Horſe were gone to Quarter in *Munſter*; that the *Ulſter*-Men, with their Herds flying from thence, had eat up all the Graſs, and Hay, in Eaſt and Weſt *Meaths*, County of *Kildare*, *King* and *Queens* County, and were going towards *Munſter*; that in all probability they would deſtroy all the Forage of that County; for (he ſays) they drive Three Thouſand Head of *Ulſter* Cattle in a Drove, and enter on any Man's Ground and eat up all his Hay, Graſs, Corn, and Pettadoes; and ſo from Farm to Farm like Caterpillars, till they devour all. He Reports alſo, that how ſoever the Account in *Dublin*, of the Lord *Dover's* Landing in the Weſt, from *France*; with only one Ship, having loſt a ſmall Ship Laden with Arms and Ammunition, which they ſaid was taken by the *Engliſh* Fleet; but heard of no other Ships arriving from *France*, when he left *Dublin*. He further ſays, that the *Iriſh* Court at *Dublin* were not (in their uſual manner) extravagantly Joyful, either for the Lord *Dover's* Landing, or for *Sarſefield's* Succeſs at *James Town*, or *Sligo*.

Our laſt Letters likewiſe from *Ireland* informs us, aſſuredly, That the Detachments, which the Duke of *Schomberg* ſent to Beſiege *Charlemont*, is now actually before the Place, and laying a cloſe Siege to it and bombarding it: That ſince the Surrender of *Sligo*, (which the Inhabitants have done on very Honourable Terms) the *Iriſh* Rebels had ſent out a Detachement of both Horſe and Dragoons, to Ravage and Spoil the Country round about, to the great Inconvenience and Conſternation of the poor Proteſtants, and Inhabitants in thoſe parts: But that the Duke of *Schomberg*, to prevent, if poſſible, all the Deſtruction and Miſchief, that might happen thereupon, had ſent out a conſiderable Detachement, either to engage them in Battle, or to ſtop their Barbarous Proceedings; which expedient, has Miraculouſly put great Heart and Life into the Country People: And we doubt not, but in a very ſhort time, to give you a good Account of the quelling thoſe Rebels.

We have alſo a freſh Account, of taking ſeveral Ships from *France*, bound for *Ireland*; one Laden with Iron-Hoops; and a ſecond with Arms and Ammunition, conſiſting of at leaſt Two Hundred Tuns, &c. which is all that at preſent comes from him, who is your Friend and Servant.

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